

## STATE'S RYE CROP

REPORT SHOWS HEALTHY INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

## WHEAT YIELD IS ENORMOUS

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Additional statistics on this year's crops in Nebraska are given in a bulletin just issued by the state board of agriculture. The bulletin, compiled by Secretary Mellor, contains this information:

"Nebraska's rye crop of 1916 was gathered from 148,702 acres and the average yield for the state was 21.4

## BREAKS THE RECORD

All Prior Yields Surpassed in Value, Average and Total.

The Nebraska 1916 oats crop smashed all previous records, in value, yield per acre and total number of bushels in the history of the state, according to the last bulletin issued by W. P. Mellor, secretary of the Nebraska state board of agriculture.

Farmers raised 10,000,000 bushels more than in 1915, the yield was four bushels more to the acre and the value was \$9,000,000 more than a year ago. The acreage was substantially the same as last year.

The yield in Nebraska this year was \$3,791,558 bushels. At 35 cents a bushel, this is worth \$29,630,548. The average yield per acre in the state was 28.6 bushels, compared with 34.7 last year.

## Student Stricken Blind

Dal C. Lantz, of Kearney, coach of the Nebraska Aggies, and a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, was stricken temporarily blind

## WARSHIPS ARE SUNK

BRITISH AND GERMAN DESTROYERS LOST IN RAID ON ENGLISH CHANNEL.

## PART OF ONE CREW LOST

Berlin Says Eleven Guardships and Two Torpedo Boats Were Sunk—London Says One Lost Two Vessels During Battle.

Berlin, Oct. 30.—No less than eleven British guardships and two or three torpedo-boat destroyers or torpedo boats were either sunk or destroyed in the English channel on Thursday night by a squadron of German torpedo boats operating between Folkestone and Boulogne. Official announcement to this effect was made here. The official statement adds that the German flotilla returned safely to its base without suffering any loss.

According to the report of Commander Michelsen, at least eleven out-post steamers and two or three destroyers or torpedo boats were sunk partially or totally near hostile ports. Some members of the crews who were saved were captured.

Several other guarding vessels and at least two destroyers were damaged.

London, Oct. 30.—Ten German torpedo-boat destroyers attempted to raid the British cross-channel transport service on Thursday night, but the attempt failed, says an official statement issued by the British admiralty. Two of the German destroyers were sunk and the others were driven off. Berlin declares that no less than eleven British guardships and three torpedo-boat destroyers were destroyed.

One British torpedo-boat destroyer, the Flirt, is missing. The British statement adds, and another destroyer, the Nubian, was disabled by a torpedo and ran aground. Nine members of the crew of the Flirt were saved.

The German destroyers succeeded in sinking one transport, the Queen, that carried no troops. The crew was saved.

The British admiralty announcement follows:

"During the night the enemy attempted a raid with ten destroyers on our cross-channel transport service. The attempt failed.

"One empty transport, the Queen, was sunk. The whole of her crew was saved.

"Two of the enemy destroyers were sunk and the rest were driven off.

"H. M. torpedo-boat destroyer Flirt, Lieut. Richard P. Kellett, R. N., is missing, and it is said he may be lost, but none of the crew have been saved.

"H. M. torpedo-boat destroyer Nubian, Commander Montague Bernard, R. N., was disabled by a torpedo and taken in tow, but owing to the bad weather the tow parted and she grounded."

## SAYS HE KILLED GIRL IN 1914

Chicago Youth Admits Pushing Sweetheart Into Lake—Promised to Wed Her.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—That "murder will out" was given forcible illustration here. On the night of July 4, 1914, Miss Frances Bloom, seventeen years old, a telephone operator, was drowned in the lake off Dufferin beach breakwater. On Friday in Marfa, Tex., a little barracks town, her sweetheart, George Arndt, at the time of her death, a youth of nineteen, confessed he pushed her off the breakwater, according to word received by the Chicago police.

Arndt is in the custody of the federalized Texas militia, stationed at Fort Texas, which is at Marfa.

The message received by the Chicago police was signed by Capt. Claude A. Adams, captain First Texas infantry, Marfa.

Arndt and the girl had been sweethearts. Arndt admitted she repeatedly pleaded with him to marry her and he had put her off each time.

Arndt, after his arrest, was charged with her death by the police, but later was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

## BLAZING LINER REACHES PORT

French Steamer Chicago Arrives at Azores Islands—265 Passengers on Board.

London, Oct. 30.—The French line steamer Chicago arrived at Fayal, Azores islands, on Friday, according to Lloyd's. The liner, with a fire in No. 3 hold, made a gallant race to port to save the 265 passengers and 200 men in the crew. No details have been received. The utmost is being done to extinguish the flames.

The French line steamship Chicago left Bordeaux October 22 for New York with 265 passengers on board.

## Leyland Liner Is Armed.

Boston, Oct. 30.—The Leyland line steamship Anglian arrived here from London, armed for the first time since it began trips to this port. A four-inch gun which fires a 65-pound shell was mounted aft.

## Portuguese Win Fight.

Lisbon, Oct. 30.—General Gill, commanding the Portuguese troops in East Africa, reports that his column encountered the opposing troops at Nakatula and that after a prolonged combat they retreated precipitately.

## WOOLING HIM

GOSH! I'M GETTING POPULAR ALL T'ONCE



## FRENCH CAPTURE FORT PEOPLE FLEE MEXICO

ALSO TAKE VILLAGE OF DOUAMONT, SAYS PARIS STATEMENT.

Attack on Front of Four and One Third Miles—Pierce Foe's Lines Depth Two Miles.

Paris, Oct. 26.—In a powerful series of attacks on the Verdun front the French have captured the village and fort of Douaumont, advancing beyond the Thiaumont work and farm, and occupied also the Haumont quarries north of Verdun, according to the bulletin issued on Tuesday by the war office. The prisoners captured and counted thus far number 3,400, including 100 officers. The text reads:

"On the Verdun front, after intense artillery preparation, an attack on the right bank of the Meuse was launched at 11:40 a. m. The enemy line attacked on a front of seven kilometers (four and one-third miles) was broken through everywhere to a depth which, at the center, attained a distance of three kilometers (nearly two miles)."

"The village and fort of Douaumont are in our hands.

"To the left our troops, advancing beyond the Thiaumont work and farm, rushed to Haumont quarries and established themselves along the road from Bras to Douaumont.

"On the right of the fort our line runs to the north of La Callette wood along the western outskirts of the village of Vaux and the eastern border of Fumin wood, and continues to north of Chenols wood and the Damloup battery.

"Prisoners are pouring in. So far 3,500, including about 100 officers, have been counted. The quantity of material captured cannot yet be estimated. Our losses were small."

## WORLD IS SHORT OF WHEAT

December Soars to \$1.86, Highest Since the Hutchinson Corner in 1898.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—The world-wide shortage of wheat has forced prices on the local board of trade above the mark set in the Leiter corner of 1898 and close to the high mark in the history of the cereal since Civil war days. December wheat soared to \$1.86 and May to \$1.85 on Wednesday. When Joseph Leiter was cornering the grain he forced the price of wheat up to \$1.85, which was the highest mark reached since 1897 except for a corner engineered by B. P. Hutchinson ("Old Hutch") in 1888, when the record-breaking figure of \$2 a bushel was touched.

## HAS GOLD TO MEET DEMAND

A. C. Miller of Reserve Board Tells Bankers Country Is Prepared for Difficulties After War.

Indianapolis, Oct. 26.—The management of the gold supply of the country to meet the foreign drain which is expected after the close of the war was discussed by A. C. Miller of Washington, a member of the federal reserve board, before the Indiana State Bankers' association on Tuesday. He expressed the opinion that the United States will be able to meet all demands which will be made.

## Two More Ships Lost.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Sinking of the British steamer Huntsfall by a submarine and the burning of the Norwegian steamer Severa are added to the list of maritime disasters in the war zone by Lloyd's reports forwarded here.

## British Steamer Sunk.

London, Oct. 30.—The British steamship Rowanmore of 10,320 tons, has been sunk, Lloyd's announced. She carried a crew of over 50 men and sailed from Baltimore October 14 with a general cargo.

## PLANS RAID ON U. S.

BAKER CHARGES VILLA PLOT IS ATTEMPT TO TURN ELECTION SENTIMENT.

## NO AMERICANS INVOLVED

Information Reaches War Department That Villistas Will Attack Americans Between Now and November 7—Funston and Pershing Warned.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary Baker issued a formal statement on Thursday saying that definite information had been received by the war department that a bandit attack upon American troops in Mexico or on an American border town had been arranged to take place between now and election day to create sentiment against the administration's Mexican policy. It added that Generals Funston and Pershing were forewarned and in readiness for such an attack.

## The statement follows:

"The war department has received definite information, confirmed from other sources, that enemies of the administration's policy toward Mexico, in co-operation with Villa or other bandits in Mexico, have arranged a spectacular attack to be made either upon some part of the American forces or upon some American community on the border between now and the date of the election for the purpose of turning the tide of sentiment against the policy which the administration has adopted for the protection of the border.

"It is significant in this connection that both the state and war departments were advised that the bandit forces operating at the present time in Mexico are being paid in silver coin.

"Full particulars have been transmitted to General Funston and General Pershing. All American forces are therefore forewarned and in readiness for such an attack."

## BLOW UP DANUBE BRIDGE

\$8,000,000 Structure Dynamited to Halt Teutons—Check Drive on Capital.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's gigantic plan to crush Roumania has received a check. Bucharest announced on Thursday that Roumanian troops have stopped Von Falkenhayn's advance and driven him across the Transylvanian border. In the Dobruja, Petrograd reports, the advance of Von Mackensen's forces toward the north has been slowed up. The bridge across the Danube at Cernavoda has been blown up by the Roumanians.

The bridge is the largest in all Europe. It was completed in 1896 at a cost of \$8,000,000. Its total length across both branches of the Danube and the swampy and frequently impassable terrain, is 12 miles.

## CAUSES OF HIGH LIVING COST

Restricted Production and Consumption Greatly Increased in Warring Countries.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Twenty million men fighting in Europe, producing nothing, while consuming enough food for 30,000,000 men and enough clothing for 80,000,000, are behind the high cost of living in this country—not Wall Street—Secretary of Commerce Redfield said on Tuesday.

"It is further true," he said, "that factories in all the belligerent countries that ordinarily produce goods for general use are busy on war munitions. The same is true in a smaller degree in our own country. The result is that at the time of the greatest consumption the production is greatly reduced."

## 20 DIE IN HOSPITAL FIRE

Children Perish When Blaze Sweeps Quebec Structure—Inmates Asleep at Time.

Farnham, Que., Oct. 28.—Twenty persons are known to be dead and 15 others are missing as the result of a fire which destroyed St. Elizabeth hospital and laundry on Wednesday night.

Scores of children were injured by jumping through windows. Three hundred and fifty inmates were asleep in the building when the fire broke out, and many of these are unaccounted for. The fire is believed to have started from a defective chimney.

The property loss is estimated at \$250,000, with insurance of about \$30,000.

## Flyers Raid Turk Railroad.

London, Oct. 27.—Attacks on the Constantinople-Saloniki railroad by British naval aeroplanes have inflicted considerable damage, the admiralty announced.

## U. S. Will Kill Seals Again.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 30.—The seal herds on the Pribilof islands in Bering sea have increased so rapidly since killing of seals was prohibited that the government will begin killing seals regularly next year.

## Deport 5,000 Belgians.

Amsterdam, Oct. 30.—Another 5,000 Belgians were sent from Ghent to Germany Monday, according to the Telegraf. About 10,000 more at other points have received orders to prepare for their departure.

NEBRASKA WHEAT, 1916 COMPILED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE				
Counties	Bushels	Bushels	Total	Value at \$1.20
Adams	2,431,803	992	2,432,795	\$2,919,354
Antelope	191,450	71,391	262,841	315,409
Arthur	4,160	2,638	6,798	8,158
Banner	678,326	138,620	816,946	980,335
Benning	23,640	824	24,464	29,357
Boone	393,429	37,296	430,725	516,870
Box Butte	25,123	113,729	138,852	166,622
Boyd	71,627	113,615	185,242	222,290
Brown	32,528	22,042	54,570	65,484
Buffalo	1,819,241	16,776	1,836,017	2,203,220
Burt	182,274	66,443	248,717	298,460
Butler	1,724,446	4,666	1,729,112	2,074,934
Cass	711,766	5,632	717,398	860,878
Cedar	26,286	72,417	98,703	118,444
Chase	694,878	72,411	767,289	920,746
Cherry	97,807	30,516	128,323	154,008
Cheyenne	649,640	609,068	1,258,708	1,510,450
Clay	2,430,417	925	2,431,342	2,917,610
Colfax	612,817	19,578	632,395	758,874
Cuming	69,507	68,695	138,202	165,842
Custer	1,481,022	66,667	1,547,689	1,857,227
Dakota	60,760	81,940	142,700	171,240
Dawes	28,520	80,627	109,147	130,976
Dawson	1,545,873	1,822,395	3,368,268	4,041,922
Deuel	419,455	130,459	550,004	660,005
Dixon	23,343	37,806	61,149	73,379
Dodge	785,849	31,484	817,333	980,800
Douglas	1,111,715	12,596	1,124,311	1,349,173
Dundy	226,448	36,274	262,722	315,266
Fillmore	1,991,315	1,991,315	3,982,630	4,779,156
Franklin	1,111,715	12,596	1,124,311	1,349,173
Frontier	1,484,086	12,572	1,496,658	1,795,990
Furnas	1,398,308	715	1,399,023	1,678,708
Gage	1,872,026	15,300	1,887,326	2,264,791
Garden	82,294	113,229	195,523	234,628
Garfield	59,189	702	60,891	73,069
Gosper	963,844	7,850	971,694	1,166,033
Grant	81	430	511	613
Greely	120,028	122,023	242,051	290,461
Hall	1,371,676	160	1,371,836	1,646,203
Hamilton	1,879,020	1,900	1,880,920	2,257,104
Harlan	1,119,871	2,370	1,122,241	1,346,689
Hayes	510,300	25,971	536,271	643,525
Hitchcock	1,977,323	14,074	1,991,397	2,389,676
Holt	101,915	28,200	130,115	156,138
Hooker	1,250	1,250	2,500	3,000
Howard	1,009,071	2,730	1,011,801	1,214,161
Jefferson	1,100,196	1,100,196	2,200,392	2,640,470
Johnson	1,284,427	1,284,427	2,568,854	3,082,625
Kearney	1,796,594	1,796,594	3,593,188	4,311,826
Keith	181,843	49,218	231,061	277,273
Kern	1,111,715	12,596	1,124,311	1,349,173
Kimball	250,782	119,493	370,275	444,330
Knox	59,109	81,189	140,298	168,358
Lancaster	2,172,139	5,559	2,177,698	2,613,238
Lincoln	48,508	48,508	97,016	116,419
Logan	74,554	10,639	85,193	102,232
Loup	12,872	270	13,142	15,770
Madison	28,425	11,667	40,092	48,110
McPherson	31,610	4,810	36,420	43,704
Merrick	600,688	781	601,469	721,763
Morrill	154,360	162,460	316,820	380,184
Muskegon	1,284,427	1,284,427	2,568,854	3,082,625
Nance	2,430,417	2,430,417	4,860,834	5,833,001
Nemaha	607,555	248	607,803	729,364
Nuckolls	1,189,589	720	1,190,309	1,428,371
Otoe	1,284,427	1,284,427	2,568,854	3,082,625
Pawnee	377,825	10,710	388,535	466,242
Perkins	321,214	80,739	401,953	482,344
Phelps	2,029,762	1,584	2,031,346	2,437,615
Pierce	28,425	11,667	40,092	48,110
Platte	745,915	2,162	748,077	897,692
Polk	1,205,945	240	1,206,185	1,447,422
Red Willow	1,284,427	1,284,427	2,568,854	3,082,625
Richardson	719,181	7,036	726,217	871,460
Rock	10,787	870	11,657	13,988
Saline	2,077,780	2,077,780	4,155,560	5,006,672
Sarpy	284,270	284,270	568,540	682,248
Schuyler	1,284,427	1,284,427	2,568,854	3,082,625
Scotts Bluff	52,223	61,008	113,231	135,877
Seward	1,872,026	113,894	1,985,920	2,383,104
Sheridan	580,912	4,621	585,533	702,640
Sioux	4,990	64,283	69,273	83,128
Stanley	101,915	28,200	130,115	156,138
Thayer	1,356,846	150	1,357,000	1,628,400
Thomas	4,700	1,370	6,070	7,284
Thurston	12,872	12,872	25,744	30,893
Valley	624,747	17,681	642,428	770,914
Washington	1,872,026	51,313	1,923,339	2,308,007
Wayne	24,698	61,445	86,143	103,372
Webster	1,077,498	5,890	1,083,388	1,299,866
Wheeler	9,715	4,716	14,431	17,317
York	2,124,399	350	2,124,749	2,549,698
Totals	65,365,491	3,407,890	68,773,381	\$82,528,297

bushels per acre, giving a total of 3,191,063 bushels valued at 90 cents per bushel, a total valuation of \$2,871,957.